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Reporting for the week ending September 11, 2011.

General

A cold front moved into Arkansas during the first part of last week, bringing noticeably cooler than normal temperatures. Records for one-day low temperatures were broken in several cities such as El Dorado and Texarkana on Thursday, September 8. Low temperatures ranged from 42 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville, Gilbert, and Warren to 55 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. High temperatures ranged from 84 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 94 degrees Fahrenheit at five different reporting stations. Dry weather conditions accompanied the cooler air as very little precipitation was observed across the state. Topsoil moisture supplies were 27 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 24 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were 26 percent very short, 53 percent short, and 21 percent adequate. Producers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops

Almost the entire corn crop was mature by the end of last week, and 73 percent was harvested. Seventy-one percent of the cotton crop was opening bolls last week, and some cotton producers were beginning to defoliate the crop. The rice crop reached 71 percent ripe and 27 percent harvested by the end of week. Eighty-eight percent of the sorghum crop reached maturity, and 58 percent of the crop was harvested by week’s end. The soybean crop was 99 percent in the setting pods stage, 34 percent yellowing, 20 percent shedding, 10 percent mature, and 7 percent harvested. Soybean producers continued to irrigate their crop last week.

Livestock

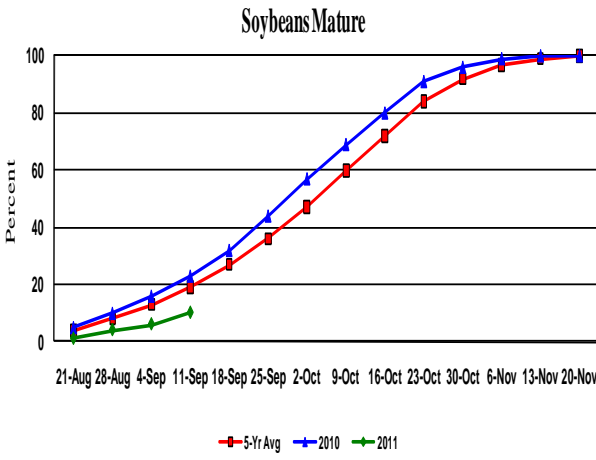
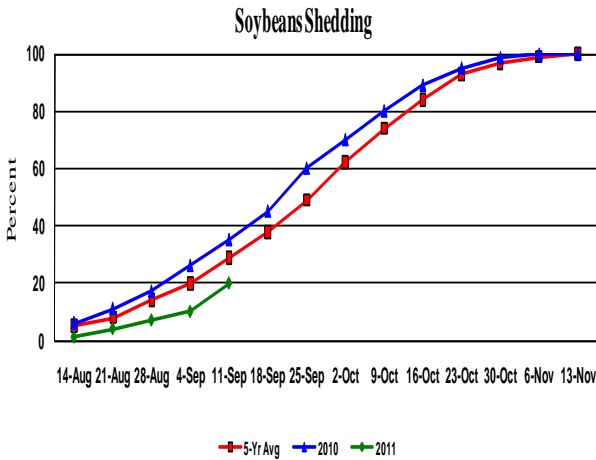
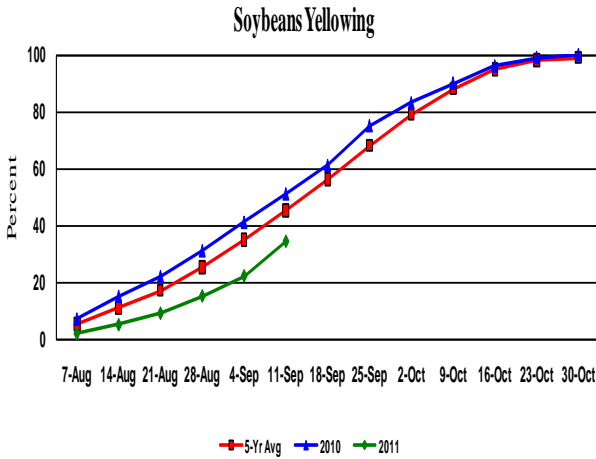
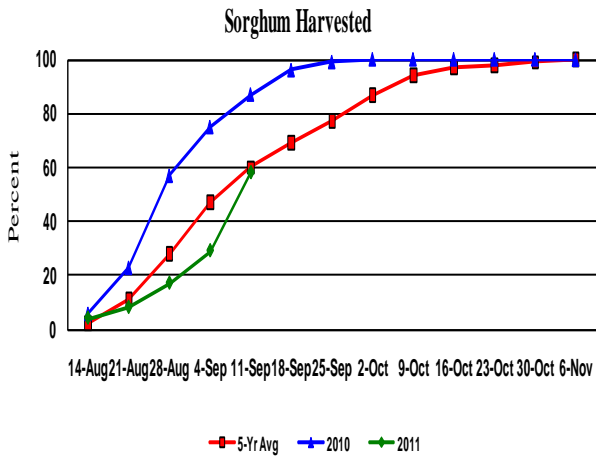
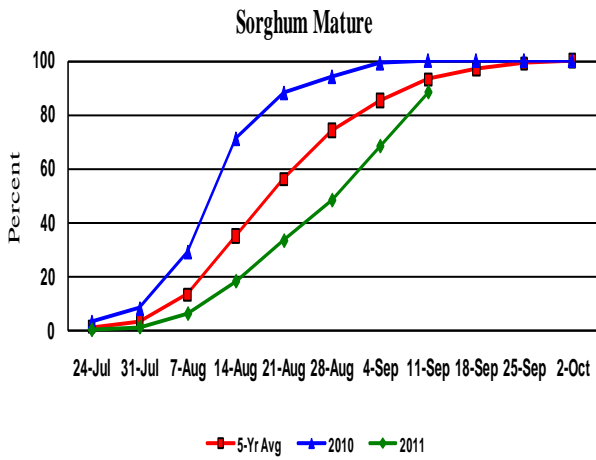
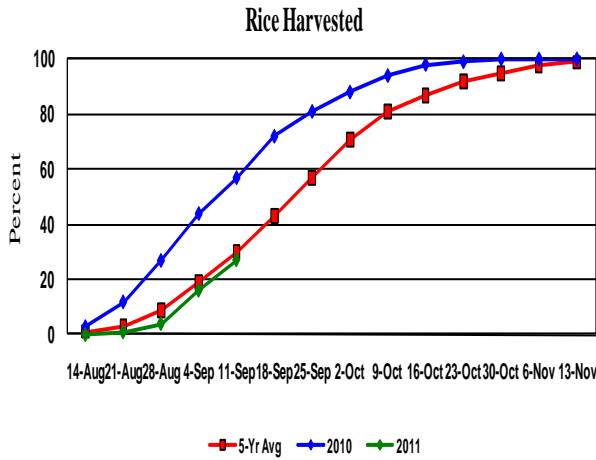
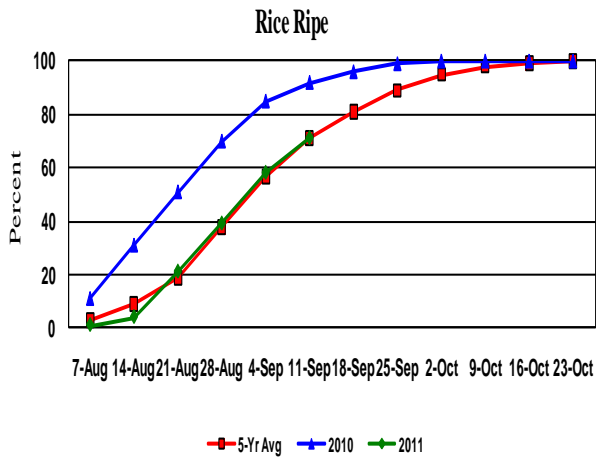
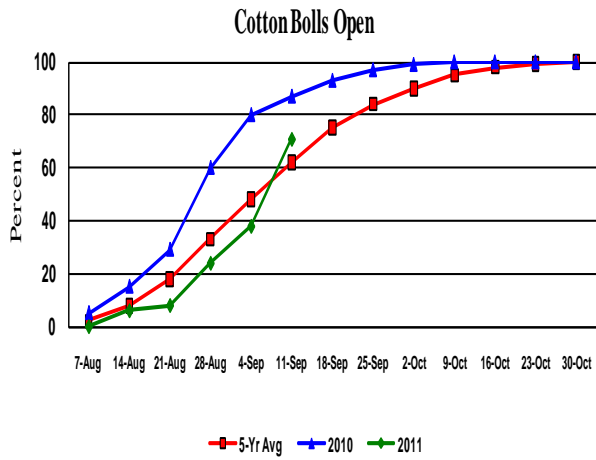
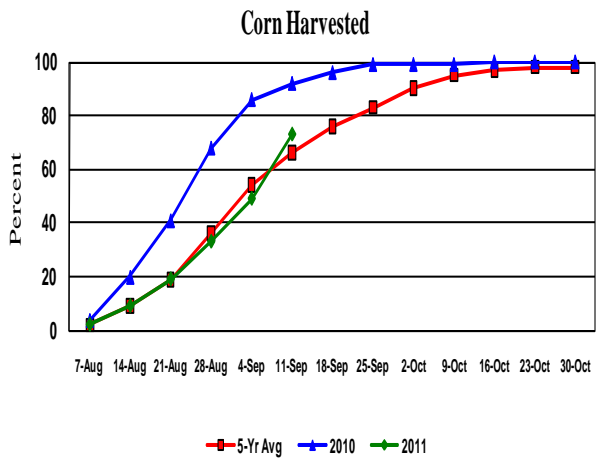
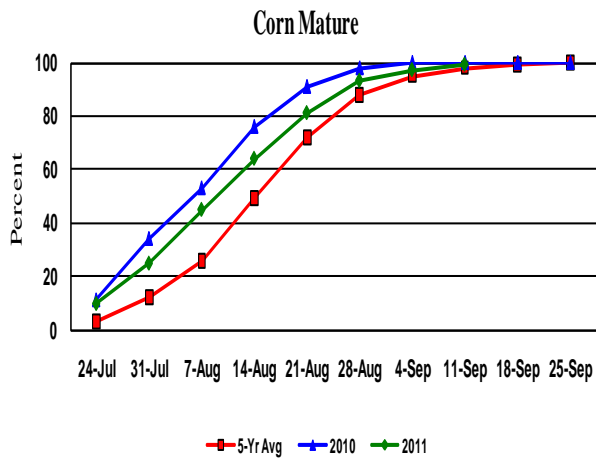
Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops continued to feel the effects of the lack of rain as the majority of pasture and hay were in poor to fair condition last week. There were reports of ponds drying up in the southwest corner of the state.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2010	5-Year Avg
Corn	Mature	99	97	100	98
	Harvested	73	49	92	66
Cotton	Opening Bolls	71	38	87	62
Rice	Headed	100	99	100	99
	Ripe	71	58	92	72
	Harvested	27	16	57	30
Sorghum	Coloring	100	99	100	100
	Mature	88	68	100	93
	Harvested	58	29	87	60
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	97	100	100
	Yellowing	34	22	51	45
	Shedding	20	10	35	29
	Mature	10	6	23	19
	Harvested	7	4	14	12

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	17	41	32	5
Cotton	1	14	30	40	15
Rice	0	12	37	42	9
Sorghum	3	11	40	37	9
Soybeans	4	17	35	35	9
Hay-Alfalfa	14	22	51	11	2
Hay-Other	17	41	33	7	2
Pasture and Range	14	22	51	11	2



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 11, 2011									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sep 11	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date	
								2011	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	84	42	-8	0.00	0.22	3.50	38.55	32.96
	Harrison	85	45	-6	0.00	0.48	3.55	36.31	32.41
N. Central	Calico Rock	86	44	-7	0.00	0.90	3.13	35.53	32.72
	Gilbert	87	42	-9	0.00	1.79	3.11	35.59	31.73
	Greers Ferry	87	52	-6	0.00	2.49	3.06	36.60	35.67
	Mtn. Home	87	51	-6	0.03	1.53	3.19	40.03	31.99
Northeast	Batesville	89	51	-5	0.00	1.40	3.10	38.54	33.66
	Blytheville	86	47	-9	0.00	0.12	2.57	32.24	37.06
	Jonesboro	88	53	-5	0.00	1.95	2.68	34.66	32.85
	Keiser	88	51	-7	0.00	0.81	2.61	44.00	36.21
	Newport	85	54	-6	0.00	2.48	2.77	35.46	34.52
W. Central	Booneville	88	48	-8	0.00	1.20	2.75	35.27	33.55
	Clarksville	88	54	-6	0.00	0.53	2.82	32.52	32.70
	Dardanelle	89	49	-8	0.00	0.10	2.68	35.69	34.19
	Ft. Smith	91	52	-5	0.00	0.81	2.79	30.86	31.13
	Mena	89	46	-7	0.00	2.33	3.00	30.78	40.51
	Ozark	86	52	-6	0.00	0.20	2.62	33.15	31.72
Central	Conway	89	53	-6	0.00	0.94	2.70	39.46	33.91
	Hot Springs	89	52	-7	0.00	1.32	3.10	36.14	40.58
	Little Rock	90	54	-7	0.00	1.53	2.84	35.76	35.74
	Morrilton	88	46	-8	0.00	0.85	2.56	37.12	33.51
	N. Little Rock	89	55	-5	0.00	1.40	2.90	39.51	34.84
E. Central	Brinkley	86	50	-8	0.00	2.61	2.37	43.31	35.97
	Marianna	88	48	-8	0.00	2.76	2.39	41.52	38.42
	Stuttgart	93	52	-6	0.22	1.08	2.07	37.02	35.04
	West Memphis	87	48	-8	0.00	0.60	2.69	34.22	38.28
Southwest	DeQueen	93	45	-6	0.02	1.02	2.64	28.24	37.92
	Hope	94	47	-6	0.00	0.49	3.42	25.00	38.37
	Texarkana	94	49	-4	0.00	0.19	2.51	18.77	32.78
S. Central	Camden	92	47	-8	0.08	2.30	2.84	29.63	38.02
	El Dorado	94	47	-7	0.00	1.86	2.81	21.89	40.02
	Warren	94	42	-8	0.00	0.72	2.94	20.07	40.43
Southeast	Eudora	94	49	-9	0.00	1.06	2.71	27.47	42.39
	Monticello	90	50	-7	0.00	2.29	2.83	28.62	40.77
	Pine Bluff	91	49	-7	0.00	0.90	2.68	30.06	37.51
	Rohwer	87	49	-9	0.00	2.61	2.28	29.97	37.76

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ - 30 year average

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